

The bill would enable DOT to better plan for the future of surface transportation research, through more regular and focused strategic planning and the establishment of a surface transportation research and development advisory committee. It would fund research to increase understanding of the role that autonomous trucking may play in the future movement of freight as well as its social impact. It ensures that DOT supports research and technology development that meets the needs of smaller metro areas.

These and other investments in transportation research, development, and demonstration in this legislation are necessary to support a safe, resilient, equitable and sustainable transportation future. As the Chairwoman of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee and a senior Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance the priorities outlined in this bill for transportation innovation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DORA
BAKOYANNIS, M.P.

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dora Bakoyannis for her outstanding career promoting peace and human rights. Ms. Bakoyannis is the Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece and Former Mayor of Athens. Recently, Ms. Bakoyannis was elected Vice President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). Ms. Bakoyannis was named Woman of the Year by the Euro-American Women's Council.

Dora Bakoyannis studied Political Science and Communication at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and continued her studies in Political Science and Public Law at the University of Athens.

Ms. Bakoyannis led the fight against terrorism in Greece and abroad, participating in various legislative initiatives, international conferences, and forums such as the United Nations (UN) and the Council of Europe. Her work was inspired by tragedy, as Ms. Bakoyannis lost her husband Pavlas, a journalist and member of the Greek Parliament, to a terrorist assassination on September 26, 1989.

Ms. Bakoyannis is a member of the Greek Parliament and has been consecutively elected since 1989. From 1990 to 1992 she served as the Under-Secretary of State and from 1992 to 1993 as Minister of Culture.

Ms. Bakoyannis has been an inspiration to women all over the world. She was the first woman mayor of Athens, serving from 2002 to 2006, and the first woman appointed Greek Foreign Minister, serving from 2006–2009. In 2003, she was awarded the International Leadership Award by the International Centre for Women. She was also voted "World Mayor" in 2005, included on the Forbes list of the World's Most Powerful Women from 2006 to 2009, and elected as the first female Foreign Associate of the French Academy in Humanities and Political Sciences in 2009.

Ms. Bakoyannis was also President of the U.N. Security Council in 2006 and Chair-

person in Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in 2009. In 2008, she was awarded the Emperor Maximilian Award by the State of Tyrol and the city of Innsbruck. In 2013, she became a Meritus Doctor of the European Polytechnic University of Bulgaria, for her work on south-eastern European nations' path towards membership in the European Union. In the same year she was awarded the OSCE Medal for her work on NATO-Russia relations between Russia and North Atlantic Treaty Organization member states at the 2009 Corfu Summit.

In 2019, Dora Bakoyannis became the Chairperson of the Greek Parliamentary Delegation to PACE, and, in January 2021, she was elected the council's Vice President. She also served as the PACE Rapporteur for the functioning of democratic institutions in Poland and currently serves as Rapporteur for the Syrian crisis. Ms. Bakoyannis is also a member of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, the Committee on the Honoring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe, the Bureau of the Assembly, and the Sub-Committee on External Relations.

In addition to these accomplishments, Ms. Bakoyannis is Chairperson of the Cross-party Parliamentary Committee for the Development of Thrace, Chair of the American-Greek Parliamentary Friendship Committee, and member of the Russian-Greek and Chinese-Greek Parliamentary Friendship Committees. She is Chairperson of the Greek Parliamentary Delegation to the International Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie and is on the Board of Directors of the Brussels-based think tank, Centre for European Policy Studies. She lives in Athens and has two adult children. Ms. Bakoyannis is truly an inspirational example of the strength and competency of women at the highest levels of public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Dora Bakoyannis and expressing appreciation for her dedication to the betterment of all people and especially for her diplomatic work on behalf of international amity.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT
JJ ARDIS

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant JJ Ardis for his heroic actions and outstanding service.

As a Deputy Sheriff in Sumter County, he is a former recipient of the Deputy of the Year Award and two Deputy of the Month Awards. Staff Sergeant Ardis received his most recent award after seizing cocaine, cash, and weapons from a convicted felon who was assaulting his child's mother.

On a separate occasion, Staff Sergeant Ardis arrived on the scene of another deputy's domestic violence call. The suspect, gun in hand, carelessly fired shots into the air while threatening to kill herself. As additional deputies arrived, she struck her house while her children were inside. Staff Sergeant Ardis played a significant role in convincing the woman to drop her weapon. The children re-

mained safe, a potential suicide was averted, and the suspect was taken into custody. Miraculously, none of the deputies had to discharge their own weapons on that call.

Law enforcement officers risk their lives each day to protect precious life and property. Men and women in uniform at the local, State, and Federal levels are essential in safeguarding our communities and deserve to be thanked for their great sacrifice. For years, Staff Sergeant Ardis has put his own life on the line to keep others safe. It is an honor to recognize his valiant efforts and know that his substantial contribution to law enforcement has not gone unnoticed. On behalf of the citizens of the 5th Congressional District of South Carolina, I commend Staff Sergeant JJ Ardis for his brave and humble service.

TRIBUTE TO JORDAN
EHRENKRANZ

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Canyon Lake City Council Member Jordan Ehrenkranz, who passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Jordan was a tireless and compassionate member of our Riverside County community and he will be deeply missed.

Jordan was born in Los Angeles, California, August 21, 1933. After attending local schools, Jordan began his career by becoming a sheet metal industry apprentice in a shop in Santa Monica. Just a few years later, at the age of 24, Jordan took his first step on what would become a lifelong entrepreneurial path by starting his own business. In 1967, Jordan acquired Ideal Heating and Air Conditioning and shortly thereafter became involved with the local chapter of the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association. Jordan would go on to serve in various leadership roles within the association throughout his career and received its Career Legislative Service Award in 2011.

Jordan continued to demonstrate his leadership after moving to the City of Canyon Lake, where he would go on to serve on the Board of Directors for the Canyon Lake Property Owners Association for five years before being elected to the Canyon Lake City Council in 2008. After serving 12 years on the city council, including four years as mayor, Jordan became the longest serving city council member in the city's history. In addition to his community service, Jordan enjoyed bowling, playing poker, and dedicating his time to clubs such as the Men's Golf Club, Canyon Lake Association of Men, Fine Arts Guild, POA Facility Reviews Committee, and the Travel Club. In recognition of his significant involvement, Jordan was fittingly honored as the Canyon Lake Citizen of the Year in 2019.

Jordan is survived by his wife, Jennie Ehrenkranz, their five grown children, and seven grandchildren. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Ehrenkranz family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Jordan. Although he may be gone, the many contributions Jordan made to his community and family will have a lasting impact.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
CAYDEN SMITH ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES NAVAL
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Cayden Smith of Maumee, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Cayden's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2025. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Cayden brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2025. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Cayden participated in his student government, Environmental Awareness Club, Boy Scouts of America, and was a member of National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Cayden was involved with cross country and crew, achieving his varsity letter in crew. I am confident that Cayden will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cayden Smith on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Cayden will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

HONORING SERVICE VETERANS OF
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HONOR
GUARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Service Veterans of Northern California Honor Guard for its dedication to honoring and celebrating the lives of our veterans in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery and cemeteries in the neighboring regions.

Since the first national cemetery was established in the United States following the end of the Civil War, there have been nearly 150 national cemeteries designated in forty states across the country. My home state of California is home to nine of these cemeteries, including the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. The constituents of California's Third Congressional District and those who live in the Sacramento Valley region are grateful for

the service of the cemetery's volunteer Honor Guard and their work to gracefully bring respect and dignity to our veterans' funerals.

This extraordinary group of volunteers provides funeral honors for military veterans and gives a final salute to those who have bravely served our country. Thanks to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2000, the United States Armed Forces ensure that any eligible veteran can receive full military honors during their funeral service at the request of their family. The Northern California Honor Guard performs up to 10 services each day for these fallen veterans, and all services are performed at no cost to the family of the deceased.

I know that the families of our fallen veterans join me in thanking and celebrating the important contributions of the Service Veterans of Northern California Honor Guard as we remember and honor the incredible sacrifices of our veterans this Memorial Day.

HONORING GOVERNOR CARLOS
ROMERO-BARCELÓ

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, I rise concerning the passing of my long-time friend and a great leader, Carlos Romero-Barceló, former governor of Puerto Rico. Carlos passed away on May 2, 2021 at the age of 88. I offer my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones, as well as those whose lives he impacted during his tenure.

Carlos Romero-Barceló was a timeless crusader for Puerto Rico. Throughout his life, he led the fight for equal recognition of Puerto Ricans, and I was especially proud to work with him while he served as the Resident Commissioner for the island in Congress.

Carlos lived a life of public service for Puerto Rico. He served as Mayor of San Juan and then as Governor before being elected to be Resident Commissioner for Puerto Rico in 1992. He dedicated his life to achieve equal rights for the U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico. I was truly honored to know him and call him a friend.

I was proud to serve with him on the House Natural Resources Committee. There we worked together advocating for Puerto Rico, and I was proud to support his efforts to achieve equality for the U.S. Citizens of Puerto Rico. His tireless work deepened Puerto Rico's relationship with the United States, and I was proud to stand by him as a leader of the island.

We honor his legacy and mourn his loss alongside his family—his wife Kathleen, and his children Carlos, Andres, Juan Carlos, and Melinda—and our friends, the people of Puerto Rico.

RECOGNIZING DR. DONALD GREEN
FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT
OF GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COL-
LEGE

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outgoing President of Georgia Highlands College, Dr. Don Green. After serving as the Vice President for extended and international operations and dean of the College of Professional and Technological Studies at Ferris State University, he was selected by the Board of Regents as the fourth President of Georgia Highlands in 2014 and has faithfully led the College over the past 6 years.

During his tenure, he spearheaded the development of additional degree programs to best equip students for the current and future labor market. He also worked tirelessly to expand the accessibility of a college degree to more young people across Northwest Georgia and throughout the state. He presided over significant growth in Georgia Highlands' economic impact and student scholarship opportunities, as well as the addition of a new academic building focused on the STEM careers of the future.

I thank President Green for his friendship and his leadership of Georgia Highlands College. I wish him the best as he becomes the next President of Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
GEORGE ROUSH V ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that George Roush V of Whitehouse, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

George's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2025. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

George brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2025. While attending the Aerospace and Natural Science Academy of Toledo, George participated in Boy Scouts of America, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Skywalker Flight School, and was a member of National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, George was involved with marching band, and he earned his